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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN IN IRAQ

1. IRAQ WILL CELEBRATE ON MARCH 8 THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN. THE CELEBRATIONS WILL CONTINUE FOR FIVE DAYS. THERE WILL BE PROCESSIONS, FOLKLORE EXHIBITIONS, PRIZES FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE INCREASED PRODUCTION IN VARIOUS FIELDS, AND ATHLETIC MEETS. IRAQI EMBASSIES ABROAD WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING THE OCCASION. ON MARCH 8, WOMEN ARE GIVEN THE DAY OFF AND GIRLS SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED.

2. WOMEN IN IRAQ WERE OFFICIALLY LIBERATED FROM TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC BONDS FOLLOWING THE JULY 1968 REVOLUTION. ACCORDING TO THE GOI THEY NOW ENGAGE IN SEVERAL FIELDS OF ACTIVITIES FORMERLY CONFINED TO MEN: TRAFFIC WARDENS, POLICEWOMEN AND RECURITS IN THE POPULAR ARMY (LOCAL MALITIA). EVEN SUCH FIELDS AS PARATROOPING AND FLYING ARE REPORTED AS BEING OPEN TO WOMEN.
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